

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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MANGANESE ORE MINES
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the existence manganese/ore mine in the vicinity of Halol Tehsil in Panchmahal district of Gujarat State;
- (b) if so, whether mining work has been discontinued at the said mine leaving several people unemployed;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to revive the mining work on the aforesaid mine?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) to (d): As informed by Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), a subordinate office under Ministry of Mines, there is only one manganese ore mine of M/s Olympic Industrial Corporation in Halol Tehsil of Panchmahal District of Gujarat over an area of 2.954 hectares in which the mining lease has expired on 21.6.2002. The mining plan has been approved by IBM on 25.5.2001 for renewal of mining lease. The powers of renewal of mining lease in case of manganese ore are vested in the State Government.